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SUBJECT: HAWKS FOR JORDAN

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B. SECDEF 9720

C. MAP AMMAN 1511

1. DISCUSSED REFTEL (A) WITH RIFAI AUSUT 2.

2. ON REDEYE, GOJ HAS SIGNED LETTER OF OFFER AND
IS PREPARED TO PAY FOR REDEYE FROM ITS OWN FUNDS AS
PREVIOUSLY PLANNED. DATT WILL WORK WITH CHIEF OF STAFF
BIN SHAKER ON PAYMENT AND DELIVERY SCHEDULES.
RIFAI SEEMED TO THINK AIR DELIVERY IN LATE AUGUST
WAS AGREEABLE TO GOJ, SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION
WITH BIN SHAKER

3. ON VULCAN. RIFAI HERE ALSO WANTS TO MOVE FAST
THEY WANT LETTER OF OFFER ASAP AND WILL TAKE IT
TO SAUDIS AND SIGN AS SOON AS FUNDING IS ASSURED.
CHANGES ADDRESSED IN REF C SHOULD BE INCORPORATED ON LOA.
THEY WANT DELIVERY BY AIR AND
TO TAKE PLACE AS CLOSE TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE AS
POSSIBLE (SECDEF 1608 19 MAY 75)

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4. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION WHICH PRECEDED OUR

TALKS OF NUTS AND BOLTS OF DELIVERIES RIFAI MADE POINT
THAT US IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO SUFFER A CREDIBILITY
PROBLEM AMONG JORDANIANS AND OTHER ARABS IN
MIDDLE EAST WHO HAVE WATCHED SALE EVENTS CLOSELY OVER
LAST FEW WEEKS. I TOLD RIFAI WE WERE VERY MUCH AWARE
OF THIS POINT AND HAD LEFT CONGRESS IN NO DOUBT ABOUT
IT OR FACT THAT CONGRESS WAS ASSUMING HEAVY
RESPONSIBILITY OF ITS OWN IN ACTIONS IT WAS TAKING.
RIFAI SAID PRINCIPAL DAMAGE WAS BEING DONE BY DEGREE
TO WHICH IT NOW APPEARS TO OUR ARAB FRIENDS THAT
ISRAEL WAS ON CONTROL OF THE CONGRESS AND HENCE
CERTAIN CRUCIAL ASPECTS OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

5. SUGGEST DEPT PASS SECDEF ISA AND DSAA.

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